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REMARKS

The above-referenced patent application has been reviewed in light of the Office Action, dated December 15, 2006, in which the Examiner issued a restriction requirement, alleging that two patentably distinct inventions are claimed. Assignee takes no position on the appropriateness of the restriction requirement but, in order to expedite prosecution, elects Group 1, including claims 1-12, without prejudice. Assignee reserves the right to pursue the subject matter of claims 13-17 in a divisional application.

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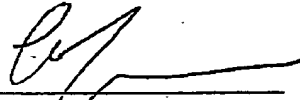
CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that all of the claims pending in this patent application are in condition for allowance. If the Examiner has any questions, he is invited to contact the undersigned at (503) 439-6500. Reconsideration of this patent application and early allowance of all the claims is respectfully requested.

Please charge any shortages and credit any overcharges of any fees required for this submission to Deposit Account number 50-3703.

Respectfully submitted,

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